St Augustine’s Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 24 July 2015 : Term 3 : Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 3. This is the first Newsletter of the term and our first big celebration is Grandparents’ Day. The wet weather has provided us with some challenges this year but nothing will get in the way of the excitement this day brings!

I would like to thank all those grandparents who have helped in our school community in any way. I often see you in the canteen, helping in the garden, cheering at carnivals or listening to children read. Many times you are dropping your grandchildren to school or picking them up in the afternoon. Whether you live close by or in another town, never underestimate the important role you play in the lives of children. For some, you are rearing your grandchildren and you are an inspiration.

Grandparents are the custodians of individual and cultural memories. They provide love and care for their children and grandchildren. Children may not always listen to their parents but they will pay heed to what grandma and grandpa has to say! Some of our most memorable quotes come from grandparents. They are often pearls of wisdom that we most likely draw upon later in life. To experience the hug of a grandparent is like nothing else. It’s that special.

This week the children have been writing prayers for their grandparents. These have been prayers of thanks and acknowledgement of the role you play. Children benefit when grandparents are involved in their lives so we’d love to see you here at school when you are able. Grandparents also enjoy the benefits from the relationship with their grandchildren.

Our spiritual grandparents are St Anne and St Joachim. Their feast day on 25 July is a reminder of the love they had for their family. Our prayer today is that grandparents receive God’s blessings and grace in their lives and that they continue to experience the joy of being a grandparent.

Kind regards

Leanne Felitis
Assistant Principal

COFFS CUP DAY
The school will close on Thursday 6 August at 12 noon. Children are to be collected at 12 noon. Thank you.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
The school will also be closed on Monday 17 August as all staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day.
**PARISH MASS TIMES**

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**CATECHETICAL NEWS**

**Grandparents’ Day**

On Friday we celebrated Grandparents’ Day with a Liturgy in the morning, visits to cohort areas, games in the wet-weather area, visits to the sustainable garden and even some seedlings planted by grandparents and students together.

Grandparents travelled from all over Australia to be with us on Friday and I believe there was some international Skyping happening.

Grandparents Day continues to be one of our favourite days at St Augustine’s as it uniquely brings together three generations of families under our school banner.

**Proclaim Week**

Next Monday we commence Proclaim Week at St Augustine’s. This week is celebrated all across the Diocese to acclaim the Catholic Faith in our 34 Primary and 12 Secondary Schools.

During this week students and staff will revisit the Creation Story, listen to Scripture readings in the church, celebrate a Creation Liturgy in cohort areas, devise ways we can become better ambassadors for God’s Creation and pledge those intentions before each other in a special student assembly.

As part of Proclaim Week, students will receive stickers and awards from the Catholic School Office. New Proclaim banners and school awards for the recent Proclaim competition will be presented by Fr Fred.

Paddy Dent - Leader of School Evangelisation
Mary Machatsch – Leader of Catechesis

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Explore the possibilities through the RCIA Program.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for:

- Adults who are unbaptised
- Adults already baptised in another Christian Church

The RCIA can be likened to a spiritual journey of discovery that takes place within the Parish community.

It involves a series of sessions with members of the parish, to pray together, ask your questions & learn about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, and discuss what His message means for us in everyday life.

Our next RCIA Information session “Come & See” is at 7:00 pm, Thursday 6 August in the Curran Centre at St Augustine’s.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact the St Augustine’s Parish Office on 6651 0000.

**P & F NEWS MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August at 7:00 pm in the LARC. All welcome.

**PRIZES FOR FATHERS’ DAY RAFFLE**

If you are able to donate a prize for our upcoming Fathers’ Day Raffle please contact the office. Thank you.

Stephen Appleton—P & F Committee President

**SKOOLBAG APP**

Don’t forget to download our Skoolbag app for receiving important messages from our school and for advising us of your child’s absences. See page 8 for details.

**COFFS CUP DAY—6 AUGUST**

As Coffs Cup Day is a gazetted half day holiday, St Augustine's School will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 6 August.

Please be advised:

- All bus companies have indicated the morning runs will operate as normal but they will not collect students at 12 noon.
- Students who arrive by bus in the morning will need alternative transport home at 12 noon.
- The school will close at 12 noon and there will be no supervision after that time.
COMING EVENTS

JULY
27-31 Proclaim Week
28 ICAS English Competition
31 Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am

AUGUST
3-7 NAIDOC Week at school
4 P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
Yrs 5/6 Chicken Burger Day
6 COFFS CUP DAY—School closes at 12 noon
7 Yr 2 & Yr 4 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
10 Rosary Makers to visit Yr 4
11 ICAS Maths Competition
14 Yr 3 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—no children at school
18 Yrs 3/4 Chicken Burger Day
21 Yr K & Yr 6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
26 Book Week Character Parade
Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
28 Feast of St Augustine—Yrs K-6 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
MUFTI DAY for Fathers’ Day Stall

SEPTEMBER
1 Yrs K-2 Chicken Burger Day
Yr 3 Learning Journey in classrooms 2:00 pm
P & F Meeting 7:00 pm in the LARC
4 Yr 1 & Yr 5 at Parish Mass 9:15 am
Fathers’ Day Stall

CANEEN ROSTER
27.07.2015
Mon M Coulton, K Millar
Tues J Armytage, A Bonus, G Bull, C Williams
Wed S Hartsuyker
Thur K Allen, K O’Carroll, H O’Rourke,
L Rowthorne
Fri J Arnold, J Arragon, T Blundell, J Cutler,
E Dow, J Roach, A Stephens

03.08.2015
Mon L Secombe
Tues R Morrison
Wed L Trotman, K White
Thur N Aranibar, M Martinez
Fri P Crawford, P Duffy, H O’Rourke, J Roach,
K Stubbs, K Van Ryswyk

CANEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers are always required. Help is needed for
three hours from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon once every four
weeks. Grandparents are very welcome also. If you are
able to help in the Canteen on any day please call us on
66521204.

CHICKEN BURGER DAYS
All orders for Chicken Burgers days are to be handed in to
the Canteen by the Friday before.

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Barbra Symons & Alicia Betland—Canteen Managers

SAVE THE DATE

Men’s and Boys’ Camp 2015 - Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October
Valla Beach Tourist Park (02) 6569 5555

Please phone the park to make your reservation and mention you are with St
Augustine’s School group.

If you are able to donate any prizes for the activities which will be held over the
weekend please contact Jeff Cox on 0418 290579. Jeff can also be contacted for
any other information you might require.

More information will be provided closer to the date.

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A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

Dear Parents

On Friday 31 July, Mrs Leanne Feltis will be involved in an assistant principal appraisal process as part of her contract renewal conditions with the Catholic Schools Office.

The appraisal process seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school. The process aims to highlight the positive aspects of the assistant principal’s performance and identify areas for further development.

A timeline will be constructed to suit the needs of the parish school community.

A panel consisting of a diocesan parish school principal, a SEACs consultant and an education consultant from the Catholic Schools Office will conduct the appraisal.

The full assistant principal appraisal process involves:

· a staff survey and staff interviews
· an interview with the principal
· an interview with the parish priest
· interviews with any parents who wish to present
· a formal interview with the assistant principal by the panel
· a self appraisal report completed by the assistant principal.

Any parents who wish to make contact with the panel are welcome to do so by contacting Mr Ian Walton (02 6622 0422) before the appraisal date.

Thank you for your support of the parish school’s administration team.

Yours sincerely

Dirk Botha
Assistant Director – School Resources Services

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LARC Matters

In week 6, St Augustine’s will be celebrating Book Week with hundreds of other schools across Australia. This national event is designed to celebrate all things wonderful about books and, in particular, Australian books and authors. On Wednesday of that week, August 26, we will be having the annual Book Character Parade for Years K-2. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. The only criteria is that it is a character from a book (not movie unless it is also a book), and the student is clear on who they are and from what book. Some families love dress up time, but please do not feel compelled to be too complex. I always stress to the students that a simple costume (such as Billie B Brown, Hey Jack, Zac Power, Charlie or Lola etc) is just as fun as a complex costume. If you have any queries please pop into the LARC or ring and I will be happy to chat with you.

See you in the LARC, Annie Madden—Teacher/Librarian
SPORT NEWS

St Augustine’s Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival was held for the first time at C.ex Coffs International Stadium. It was a fantastic venue both for the track and field events, as well as for food, beverage and grandstand facilities. The atmosphere of the ground added to the carnival and may also account for the tremendous amount of participation from students in each of the events.

Results for the Carnival were as follows:

**Age Champions**
- Junior Girls: Jayda Kachel
- Junior Boys: Finn Klinkers
- Girls 11 Yrs: Laila McDonald
- Boys 11 Yrs: Benjamin Langler
- Senior Girls: Madison Howarth
- Senior Boys: Ash Chapman

**House points**
- First place: RED house - 432 points
- Second place: GOLD house - 412 points
- Third place: GREEN house - 405 points
- Fourth place: BLUE house - 285 points

Congratulations to all students for participating and making the day wonderful. Thank you again to all staff, parents and students for your valuable assistance on the day.

Clarence Zone Representative Trials – Athletics
On Thursday 16 July, 41 St Augustine’s students competed in the Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival. All students did extremely well in their events and there were many parents at the carnival to cheer on the team.

Lismore Diocesan Representative Trials - Athletics
Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in qualifying for the Lismore Diocesan athletics carnival which will be held in Port Macquarie on Friday 7 August.


Lismore Diocesan Primary Netball Challenge
The St Augustine’s Netball team participated in Round 2 of the Lismore Diocesan Netball Challenge today. Thank you to Mrs Michelle Charles for preparing the girls for this event. Match result in the next Newsletter.

NSWPSSA Representative Trials – Touch Football (boys)
Oliver Canning attended the NSWPSSA Touch Football (boys) trials this week, along with other students from around the state. This level of representation includes students from Catholic and Independent schools, as well as the State schools. It was held locally at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium, from Tuesday 21 July to Thursday 23 July.

CHBA’s ‘2015 Winter Primary School Competition’ – Basketball
Nine St Augustine’s teams will be commencing a new season in the CHBA Winter Primary School Competition this Saturday in the Round Robin round. A big thank you to all coaches and managers who are looking after teams. Your contribution of time, skill and effort are much appreciated by the teams and the school.

Donations
Thank you to Alan Pade of Harbour Tennis Academy for the large donation of tennis balls to the school at the end of last term. Thank you also to Olivia Peel for donating an Australian Rules football.

Sport Enquiries
dhammer@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204
kmcdermid@lism.catholic.edu.au or (02) 6652 1204

Yours in sport
Daniel Hammond—Sports Coordinator
Kristy McDermid—Sports Administrator
During the school holidays I had the honour of being a delegate at the Drama Australia and Drama New Zealand Conference at NIDA in Sydney. The Conference ran for four days. The Keynote Speakers came from around the world and shared many of their insights into Drama Education and Drama as an integral component of our school’s curriculum. I attended many workshops and learnt more about Drama in the primary school curriculum. Over the next two terms I will be integrating my new found knowledge and ideas into lessons. "I love Drama, it brings colour into my life".

The focus theme for the conference was "Change the Game". Drama is critical quality pedagogy. We can use Drama to focus on learning and to think and feel more richly and I can help provide our students with a voice!

Drama can teach us to deeply engage with the most important questions of our time so we aim to keep the dialogue alive, real and active in our classrooms.

We can learn through Drama not about it. I am very excited about our Drama program and all of the wonderful learning opportunities it can bring to our school.

Mrs McCabe—Drama Teacher
**THE GREEN SPOT**

5 ways to inspire kids to be healthy

1. Keep the messages simple
The more simple the information, the more likely your child will remember it. Encourage a healthy, varied diet.

2. Timing of your chats
With so many distractions, the best time to chat about food is when it is right in front of them and in their tummies! Their attention is already on food.

3. Make it relevant
You need to keep their attention while you have it! Try linking foods to ‘superpowers’! Milk for strong bones to grow tall, meat/beans for big muscles to run fast, carrots for powerful vision.

4. Making eating fun
Introduce your child to new varieties, colours, tastes and textures. Remember, just because you don’t like something doesn’t mean they won’t!

5. Stay positive
It’s important that unhealthy foods don’t get demonised but it’s just as important to teach the difference between ‘all the time’ food and a ‘sometimes’ or treat food.

**Establish healthy family habits**

Children are more likely to eat well and be active if they are surrounded by family members working to do this together.

Talk together as a family – decide on some healthy goals you would like to try as a family.

Start slowly – start with small changes that are achievable and will give your family success.

Include children – ask younger children for their ideas and let older children make some decisions about what family activities to try.

Get going – choose a family activity for a week and have a go e.g. turn off the TV for one night and play a game together or go for a walk after dinner.

*Alex Shaw and Candice Butcher - Coordinators*
Mini Vinnies
As you know, Mini Vinnies and members of the school community have been busy creating blankets to donate to St Vincent de Paul. Last Friday, Mrs Foley, President of SVDP, along with other SVDP members were invited to our assembly to receive the blankets as well as money raised by the students for the Winter Appeal. The children were able to donate 4 large knitted blankets as well as some scarves to help people in our community who are in need. At an ice cup sale last term, Mini Vinnies raised over $180.00 and this was also handed over to SVDP at the assembly. We are looking forward to the coming term when we hope to offer more help to our school and the wider community.

St Augustine’s Primary School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. In 2013 this promotion provided $9,000.00 worth of educational and sporting resources to the school! You can help by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers when shopping at Woolworths.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet (available from Woolworths or the school office) and once it’s completed, drop it into the collection box at the school office or Woolworths Park Avenue.

Please note: Stickers on rolls WILL NOT be accepted. Please place your stickers on the Earn & Learn Points Sheets.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, arts & crafts through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
St Augustine’s Parents and Friends Association is holding a raffle to support the Guy family who are looking after Eve in Sydney. Eve is currently undergoing chemotherapy and surgery for bone cancer.

AMAZING PRIZES!!
Local businesses have been very generous in donating these wonderful prizes!

★★★ MAJOR PRIZES ★★★

- The Dental Centre $900 Smiley Pack
- Betta Electrical Hair Dryer/Straightener + Salt & Pepper Grinder
- Novotel Pacific Bay Resort 1 Night Accom.
- Aanuka Beach Resort 1 Night Accom.

OTHER GREAT PRIZES INCLUDE:
- Emma Rhoades Photography Family Portrait
- Nat Rad $165 Air Conditioner Service
- Nuts and Bolts $150 Service
- Tjin 4x4 recovery kit value approx. $150
- Jake McCabe Electrical $100 Labour Voucher
- Hot Vapour Cleaning $150
- Ella Bache Gift Pack
- Apple Computers keyboard
- Coffs Harbour Auto Electrical Air Conditioner Regas
- Bridgeline $65 wheel alignment x 3
- Indigo Hair $60 voucher
- Blackwoods Voucher
- Auto Barn Gift Basket
- The Body Gift Pack
- Bray Street Butcher $50 Voucher
- Beambee Industrial Gift Bag x 2
- Palm Centre Newsagency Voucher
- Gloria Jeans Voucher
- Big Country Meats $25 Voucher
- Greenhouse Tavern $20 Voucher x 3
- Caltex $20 Voucher

Raffle draw date to be advised!!!

Buy a ticket today and help us to help Eve.
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

Today we celebrated our wonderful grandparents! Thank you to all those who came along to make it a very special day! The day began with a Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of Anne and Joachim, who were the parents of Mary and grandparents of our Lord Jesus. Families then visited our learning spaces to engage in games and explore the way children engage in our learning program.